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## Commemorate Miracle Of Hanukah Anew



**PROMOTED** — Raanan Sivan, First Secretary of the Embassy of Israel since September, 1959 has been promoted to Counsellor according to a recent announcement by the Israeli Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

### Israel Institute at Agudath Israel

Agudath Israel Synagogue and the Hadassah Organization of Ottawa are co-sponsoring an Israel Institute for those who will be visiting Israel this February. The Institute is open to everyone. Its purpose is to prepare the prospective tourists for their trip and enable them to get the most out of it.

The Institute will consist of five Thursday night sessions at the Agudath Israel Synagogue beginning at 8:30 p.m.

December 7 — Raanan Sivan, counsellor of the Embassy of Israel will speak on "What makes Israel Tick."

December 21 — Father Pagano of the University of Ottawa will speak on "Israel, Past and Present."

January 4 — Bertram Loeb will speak on "What a Tourist Should Look for in Israel."

January 18 — Joshua Heilman will instruct the group on "How to Say Shalom."

January 25 — The last session — Practical aspects of the trip will be discussed.



### JUST THINKIN' . . .

by SOL MAX  
Chairman, Membership Committee  
Jewish Community Centre

"A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country" — hm-m. I wonder?

These past few weeks we had two visitors at the Centre who succeeded in switching me from just thinking to really "pondering." They were Ken Soble, the man who built the Jewish Centre in Hamilton and Alvin Narod, the president of the Vancouver Centre just being built.

Now the Ken Soble most of us knew years ago was a man immersed in show business, and it is hard to reconcile this pillar of the community with the impresario of several years back. When a man like Ken Soble was impressed with our Centre . . . I started thinking, but when Alvin Narod, who came all the way from Vancouver on a fact-finding tour, singles our Ottawa J.C.C. out for special mention, then I switched to pondering.

And then — in my mail, I opened a letter from a Mrs. Lillian Scott, a schoolyard friend. She writes in part "Dear Sol . . .

"I don't know who to write to in connection with the Jewish Community Centre, but noting that you are membership chairman, I thought you could relay my thanks to the proper sources.

"I had the honour and privilege of attending the Israel Art Exhibit and on this past Sunday, the Classical Ballet presentation. How wonderful to see your Centre promote these worthwhile cultural activities. And what a magnificent building you have. Your organization should indeed be proud of the position it occupies in the community, and the example you are setting to the rest of the city." Sincerely yours . . .

It's a pity I didn't have the letter during the horrendous budget sessions we have just gone through. It's a pity more of us cannot see fit to support the Centre in its very worthwhile programming. It's a pity more of us cannot get out to take advantage of the type of program we see on Sunday and every night of the week.

It's a pity so many of us cannot recognize the obligation we owe to our families and our friends and ourselves to support through our membership the Centre we cried for, pleaded for and fought for for years and years ever since we were youngsters with only the magnificent George St. Talmud Torah Hall and the King Edward Ave. Institute for meeting places — it's a pity!

It's a pity . . . but "just thinking" about 50 or 60 memberships would give us the "flip-up" we need.

Will you be one of them?

Hanukah, the Jewish Festival of Lights, will be ushered in by the Jewish Community of Ottawa on Saturday evening, December 2 and observed for a period of eight days. According to the Hebrew calendar, Hanukah begins on the twenty-fifth day of Kislev.

The festival commemorates the spiritual and moral victory of the Maccabees over Antiochus Epiphanes, conqueror of Palestine in 168 B.C.E. who desecrated the holy temple in Jerusalem and set about to forcibly convert the inhabitants of the country to the Hellenistic religion.

This miracle is marked by the kindling of lights in an eight-branched menorah or candelabra in both the Synagogue and the home on all nights of the holiday. Special prayers of thanksgiving will be recited. Gifts are also exchanged.

Children of the religious schools in the community and youth groups at the Jewish Community Centre will hold special assemblies during which the history and significance of the festival will be portrayed through songs, plays and dances.

In addition to the religious aspects of the holiday, each of the Synagogues in Ottawa will hold Hanukah gatherings, details of which can be found elsewhere in this Bulletin. Consult your own Synagogue bulletin for further information.

## 100 Homes Needed For Inter-City Conference

Registration is well under way for the Fifth Anniversary Inter-City Conference to be held at the Jewish Community Centre in Ottawa from December 25 through 28. Our own teenagers plus delegates from Jewish Community Centres and Y's in Rochester, Syracuse, Buffalo, Toronto, Montreal, Hamilton and Welland are expected to swell the attendance to over 200.

An exciting program of activities planned by our Senior Youth Council will keep the Centre buzzing during the entire four day convention. The agenda will include four leadership training seminars, basketball, volleyball, badminton and ping pong tournaments.

Members of the Youth Council are currently engaged in trying to procure some 100 homes for our out-of-town guests. If you can possibly accommodate a boy or girl between the ages of 16 and 19, please call the Program Department at CE 2-7306.

The participating Centres and Y's are members of the International Federation of Jewish Youth which was formed at the last inter city convention in Buffalo. The spring conference will take place in April, 1962 at Rochester, N.Y.

## Close Contest Dec. 10

Young people who are planning to submit entries in the Jewish Community Centre's Poster Contest are reminded that the deadline for submissions is Sunday, December 10. The poster contest is sponsored by the Library Committee as part of the local observance of Jewish Book Month.

The contest is divided into two sections. Section A is for children between 8 and 11 years of age, while Section B covers those be-

tween 12 and 15. Posters should be no larger than 15" x 24" and may be prepared on paper or cardboard.

Entries will be judged for originality, design and content. It is planned to exhibit as many as possible during the week of December 10 to 17. First and second prizes will be awarded in each of the two categories. Winners will be announced at the Salute to Jewish Book Month evening, Sunday, December 17.

## AUTHOR MEETS THE CRITICS

presented by the Library Committee

IN HONOUR OF JEWISH BOOK MONTH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 8:30 P.M.

Jewish Community Centre

Guest of Honour

**DR. ABRAM STILMAN**

Prominent Montreal surgeon and author of "Healer of All Flesh" and the new best-seller "Mariette"

The Critics

Mr. M. Ralph Berke

Ruth Borenstein

Abraham H. Lief, Q.C.

Arthur Drache



Dr. Stilman



### HARRY SHINDER HONOURED BY BOND DRIVE

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shinder are shown at the Histadrut Centre with Jacie C. Morwitz, general chairman and guest speaker Dr. Isaac L. Swift, at the Testimonial Dinner honouring Mr. Shinder which was given by the Labour Zionist Movement and State of Israel Bonds on October 22. The testimonial presented to Mr. Shinder reads: "In tribute to Harry Shinder for his signal contribution to the economic development of the State of Israel and for the welfare of the people of Israel; for his lifelong record of devotion to all Zionist and humanitarian causes within the community and abroad; for his deep inspiration to all who work closely with him; this testimonial is respectfully awarded this twenty-second day of October, nineteen hundred and sixty-one (12th Heshvan, 5722)."

This is the third major event in the Centre's current Cultural Series for adults and young adults.





### NAMED DAY SCHOOL HEAD GIRL & BOY

Elaine Silver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Silver and Julian Levin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Levin were elected head girl and head boy of the Hillel Academy by the students of the school. During their term of office, Elaine and Julian will head the annual campaign for the United Jewish Appeal and will represent the student body of the Bar-Mitzvah Dinner of the Hillel Academy.

### There are only . . .

a few vacancies left in our well-equipped and staffed Sunday School, meeting from 10-12 each Sunday at the Central Hebrew School, Rideau and Chapel Streets. If your child is between the ages of 3-6 and not yet enrolled in a full time Hebrew educational program, introduce him to the beauty of our language and holidays by enrolling him in the Sunday School.

For further information please contact Herman S. Roodman at CE 3-5881 or CE 4-3377.

### Young Adult Fireside Socials

The next bi-weekly session of the Young Adult Fireside Series will take place on Sunday evening, December 3 at 8:30 p.m., in the Young Adult Lounge of the Jewish Community Centre.

John Freedman, a university student from South Africa will lead a discussion on attitudes towards South Africa's racial policies. Refreshments and a social hour will follow.

University students and young adults are cordially invited to attend.

### Beth Shalom Men's Club Hanukkah Party

The Annual Hanukkah Party sponsored jointly by the Men's Breakfast Club and the Social Club of Congregation Beth Shalom will be held on Sunday morning, December 3.

An entertaining program has been planned with Cantor Hyman Gertler as guest soloist. Hanukkah latkes and all the trimmings will be served.

Since October 15, the Breakfast Club has had five interesting sessions addressed by guest speakers. Sessions are held every second Sunday morning and will continue through April, 1962.

### WONDERFUL DAYS

are in store for youngsters 5 to 9 at the J.C.C. WINTER VACATION DAY CAMP DECEMBER 25 THROUGH DECEMBER 29 10:00 to 4:00 P.M.

Fees — \$7.00 for members, \$12.00 for non-members. Milk provided for lunch. Qualified leaders and a well-rounded program of arts and crafts, music, athletics and dramatics.

DON'T WAIT FOR THE LAST MINUTE. REGISTER NOW BY CALLING THE PROGRAM DEPARTMENT AT CE 2-7306 OR IF YOU WISH, CLIP AND MAIL THE FOLLOWING FORM.

### JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Winter Vacation Day Camp  
Registration Form

Name . . . . . Age . . . . .

Address . . . . . Phone . . . . .

Member . . . . . Non-Member . . . . . Grade . . . . .

Fees is enclosed.

Date . . . . . Parent's Signature . . . . .

Registration closes December 10

## HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS

### Televise Hanukah Observance

A television crew from CBOT spent a full day at the school filming various aspects of the Hanukah observance in the home and at school. Several classes participated in the program which will be shown over the CBC network on Saturday evening, December 2.

### Pay Tribute to Secretary-General

In honour of United Nations Day and Remembrance Day, two special assemblies were held. Mrs. D. Parkinson directed the United Nations program entitled "The United Nations — Our Help in Distress." On the eve of Remembrance Day, the program was dedicated to the fallen Canadian soldiers in two World Wars. Under the direction of Mrs. D. Gorry, the students explained the role of Canada in promoting peace.

### Inspector to Visit Schools

Y. Rabinowich, consultant of the Keren Hatarbut of Canada will be in Ottawa December 11-13 and during his stay, will inspect classes in the Central and West End Branches of the Hillel Academy and Hebrew School. He will also address the staff and report to the Talmud Torah Board.

### Cafeterias Soon to Open

Cafeterias at the Central and West End Branches will be put into operation shortly. Some equipment has already arrived and more is on its way. Parents will be given further details in due course.

### P.T.A. Tenders Hanukah Luncheon

Following the Annual Hanukah Assembly on Wednesday, December 5, pupils of the Hillel Academy will be treated to a full-course luncheon by the P.T.A. Latkes and other goodies will be served.

### Winter Vacation Schedule

Winter vacation begins after school on Friday, December 22. All classes resume on Wednesday, January 3.

### Hebrew Education in the North-West

Michael Witen, a former Hebrew School pupil now lives in White Horse, N.W.T. where his father is stationed. Since there are no other Jewish families in the area, Michael maintains contact with the school through tape-recorded lessons which are mailed to him at regular intervals. His answers are also tape-recorded and returned to Ottawa. Ephraim Frankel, director of education and Jacob Gordon have collaborated to make this possible.

### J.C.C. SENIOR DIVISION GALA POST-HANUKAH BALL

featuring

### CKOY'S DEAN HAGOPIAN

Ottawas' favorite disc jockey

Sunday, December 10 at 9:00 p.m.

ASSEMBLY HALL, JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE

CENTRE MEMBERS — FREE.

NON-MEMBERS — \$1.00

### Beth Shalom Sisterhood Hanukah Ball

The Beth Shalom Sisterhood will hold its Annual Hanukah Dinner Dance on Saturday, December 9 at the Jewish Community Centre beginning at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and may be obtained from Mrs. Irving Wexler, SH. 9-6193.

Mrs. Saul Torontow, RE. 3 5249 is in charge of table reservations.

### Agudath Israel Hanukah Dance

The Second Annual Hanukah Dinner and Dance presented by the Agudath Israel Men's Club will take place in the Synagogue auditorium on Saturday, December 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Entertainment will be provided by Mickey Freeman of New York, who plays Pvt. Zimmermann of the Phil Silver Show. Dancing will be to the music of Harry Pozo and his orchestra.

Tickets are \$5.00 per person. Everyone is welcome and dress is optional.

### INTER HANUKAH CELEBRATION

Ages 12 - 14

Saturday, December 2  
8:00 p.m.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Hanukah lights, songs, quizz, dancing and refreshments.

### CAMP B'NAI B'RITH OF OTTAWA

requires

Bunk counselors, unit heads, specialists in crafts, dramatics, waterfront and cultural activities. (Ages 18 and over)

Waiters (16 and over)

Apply in writing to Camp B'nei B'rith, 151 Chapel St., Ottawa.



### HERE'S HOW IT'S DONE . . .

Morris Schochnow, coach of the Jewish Community Centre's entry in the Intermediate City Basketball League shows the boys some of the finer points of the game as they warm up for a recent game. From left to right: Abe Nadrich, manager, Garry Kerr, Richard Leviton, Elliott Leviton, Stanley Aron, Arni May, Dave Thelen, director of Health & Physical Education, Bob Schwartz, Dan Kimmel, Jack Weiner, Billy Sternberg, Julian Wolfel, and Morris Schochnow. The team won its first two games against E.O.I.T. and Carleton. The next home games will be against Eastview and Computing Devices on November 30 and December 14 at 9:00 p.m. Admission is free. Come out and support your team.